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NOW is the Time—Zeigler's Store is the Place To buy that CHRISTMAS PRESENT

We have a complete line of—

Linen Drawn-work, Doilies and Center Pieces.
Pure linen Lunch-cloths, Table Covers, Dresser-scarfs.
Hem-stitched Tablecloths and Napkins to match.
Finest line of Handkerchiefs and Mufflers ever brought into town.
Also have a complete line of fancy boxes, consisting of ladies' work-boxes, handkerchief cases, souvenir post-card cases, glove boxes, collar and cuff boxes, necktie boxes.

We carry the latest in ladies' collars, including the "Chorus Lady", "Lady Tourist" and fancy collars in fancy Christmas boxes. ¶ Also the latest styles in ladies' belts, including the "Chorus Lady" and the new elastic belts.

In the Grocery Department we have a complete line of
Christmas Apples, Candies and Nuts.

ZEIGLER'S BIG STORE

Headquarters for Christmas Shoppers.

Dedication of New Catholic Church.

On the forenoon of Dec. 17, 1907 the new Catholic church, which has been recently completed on the south of Big Creek, about seven miles southeast of Victoria, will be dedicated in honor of St. Boniface and the first highmass will then be celebrated by Rev. F. Vincent of Victoria, who will thenceforth be the pastor of that congregation. Everybody, far and near, is invited to attend the ceremonies.

This church had been building since this spring. It was built under many difficulties (as all churches are built) and by comparatively few families. But still it was built, and does honor to the efforts and good will of the parishioners. It is a frame building, just built for the first needs of such a small parish, but it is a fine and clean structure nevertheless.

Everybody come and make it a great day for the parish people of the new congregation. After services, a dinner and refreshments will be served free, for all strangers.

Prof. Picken, principal of the Western State Normal here, is also president of the State Teachers' Association. The first of this week he sent out over 2000 programs to teachers all over the state. The sessions this year will be held Dec. 25, 26, 27 in Topeka. The program contains a neat half-page advertisement for the Hays Normal. Prof. Picken will deliver the principal address of the evening in Legislative Hall Christmas night.

Normal Notes

The State Secretary Miss Thayer addressed the Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon. In spite of the rain there was a good attendance. Her talk was unusually good.

Mr. Gill entered school this week.

Fred Oshant photographed the ladies quartette Tuesday afternoon.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bird Monday. John Shively must take second place as faculty baby.

Miss Foster led Y. W. C. A. this week and read several extracts from "The Life of Francis Willard" which was much enjoyed by the girls. The quartette sang "Lead Kindly Light."

Mary Ryan returned to Normal Wednesday after two weeks visit in Chicago. On her way home she visited with her brother Joe at K. U.

Eva Gatewood who was obliged to quit school on account of a seriously sprained ankle expects to return next term.

The Normal mice are not as "poor as church mice"; they keep fat on the girls' lunches.

The girls were all broken hearted Monday for they heard bad news. But watch their smiling faces now, the report was false.

Alpha McVey was a welcome visitor the first of the week. Everyone is glad to see her home and looking so well.

District Court at Hays.

No jury cases were tried this week, caused partly by the continuance of the Hoffman vs. Cox case. Mr. Hoffman had some very important business matters in K. C. that made it impossible for him to be present.

The State vs. Kelso was scheduled for trial, but on Monday the plea in abatement directed at the information was sustained and Kelso was released. But the County Attorney caused his arrest 15 minutes later and he was brought before Judge Downing and on Wednesday he waived preliminary hearing.

The demurrer in the Yost vs. Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company was overruled. Mr. Yost brought suit last summer to recover some money he paid on two notes. He was only surety. Later the company sued in Leavenworth County and the court held there was no consideration. Now the company claim that Yost knew all about the machine for which the notes were given and that they do not care to remit. This is a very interesting case and will be tried in February.

Several motions in various cases were disposed and journal entries were required from the various attorneys in every case they had any interest.

The Gottschalk case decided last week came up again on a motion for a new trial, and every phase of this trouble was reviewed and numerous comments were made. The new trial was denied.

The case of Palmer vs. U. P. will be tried in February.

Court adjourned sine die Tuesday night.

Another Craft Unearthed.

Just to show you that advertising is a fake and a printer's graft here is a sample from last week's paper.

THE FREE PRESS advertised a dictionary for sale; on Monday there were two parties wanting that dictionary and we expect to sell it to one of them. The local was four lines long on an inside page, at a cost of twenty cents.

In the same issue in an inconspicuous place on the back page was another 4-line want ad for a man wishing to buy a small farm close to Hays. On Tuesday one of the 3000 readers of this paper sent in for the name and address of the advertiser and no doubt before this a deal has been closed—cost, 4 lines, 20c. Did it pay him to advertise and did it pay the subscriber to read THE FREE PRESS? Find the answer.

Take Notice.

The Electric Light Plant will not run Tuesday morning the 17th on account of the boiler inspection.

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City Council's Proceedings.

The City Council met last Thursday evening in regular monthly session. Outside of paying the usual budget of bills little of importance was done. The following items will suffice to show the citizens how their money is being spent:

Haff. & Jordan	Lights 2 mos.	\$157.60
M. H. Mulroy	Printing	2.55
J. A. Blender	Mdse.	1.00
C. C. Rupp	Salary	45.00
H. McGuire	Walk	2.09
J. W. Bussard	Janitor	5.00
C. A. Harkness	Sal. & post.	18.00
Wm. Levick	Drayage	1.40
J. H. Freese	Printing	2.00
Schwaller & Sons	Cem. & Sup.	27.10
F. Haffamier	Sal. Water Com.	100.00
	2 mos.	
Roy Norris	Labor	1.80
J. H. Downing	Pipe	1.50
O. P. Campbell	Labor	1.80
	Total	\$364.84

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice at Hays, Kansas, Tuesday, Dec. 10th. When calling for same please say "Advertised."

Dave Farrier
Harvey Shaw
Anton Conrad
H. J. PENNEY, Postmaster.

Society Notes

Married—On Thanksgiving Day, Mr. Willis L. Fox and Miss Myrtle V. Shire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Schultz, 247 Illinois St., Chicago.

This news comes as a surprise to all the old friends of the groom, who was formerly a student of the Hays Public School and later of Denver, Colorado. The bride is a Chicago girl, a sister-in-law of Cleve Schultz, also formerly of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. O. Hall of Chicago in the presence of a few friends.

Mr. Fox has a lucrative position in the freight offices of the Illinois Central Railroad and is incidentally preparing for the law profession. His many friends in Hays wish him a long and happy wedded life.

Mrs. Gus Havemann entertained at a china shower for Miss Queenie Cox last Tuesday evening. The game of the evening consisted in a transposing contest made up of the letters in names of authors in which Mrs. E. D. Yost excelled and was awarded the prize. Many beautiful and useful presents were showered on the bride-to-be. Each of the guests were given favors consisting of a box of original packages of which each guest was to take her choice. The following ladies were present: Mesdames E. D. Yost, Wm. Levick, Henry Schwaller D. W. Nickles, C. P. Wiest, and Misses Queenie Cox, May Markey, Stella Farley, Bessie Leahy, Retta Freese, Anna Carrick, Gertrude Ward.

Mr. Walter Ward entertained about twenty young people Tuesday evening in honor of the Misses Mary Paul of Denver and Eva Gee of Russell. The affair was one of the most pleasant of the season in the younger circles. The following guests were present: Misses Vera, Charlotte and Mary Paul, Eva Gee, Winnie Cox, Ellen Behan, Sadie Bullock, Bertha Robinson, Mabel Edwards, Florence Almond and Messrs. Jack Roach of Russell, Willard Myers, Roscoe Baumer, Henry Giebler, P. A. Bell, Swan Compton, L. A. Ward and Walter Ward.

Mrs. C. M. Wann entertained a number of ladies at tea Thursday evening.

It is currently rumored that a Hays grass window and an ex-Hays grass widower have recently been married.

Mrs. Gee, Griffith and Mrs. Wm. Hall gave a linen shower for Miss Queenie Cox Wednesday evening. It was a very pleasant affair and the prospective bride was showered with much beautiful linen. The game of the evening consisted in telling fortunes with tea grounds which was done by Mrs. Griffith with much aptitude. The customary cake of fate was served and one of Hays City's society leaders received the lucky ring for the second time in the season which promises well for—the preacher. The following guests were present: Mesdames Wiest, Gus

Havemann, C. W. Miller, Jr., Rea, Picken and Misses Cox, Ward, Leahy, Pestana, Brumitt, Freese, Picken, Bullock, Winnie Cox.

Mrs. Henry Schwaller will give a "miscellaneous shower" this Friday evening for Miss Queenie Cox, whose wedding to Mr. George Wilson of Gove County will take place next Wednesday the 18th.

High School Notes

The high school earned the quarter holiday for the best attendance for the third month.

The Freshmen class has finished Silas Marner and are now reviewing.

The record of each pupil for the third month may be learned from three posters which now adorn the east wall.

A large percent of the Freshmen are to be found in the school room busily at work by 8:10 each morning. This explains why the Freshmen lead the school.

The Sophomores went down before the awful volley of U. S. History questions fired at them by Prof. Light. The killed and wounded was greater than that of the Battle of Gettysburg.

In the absence of the janitor Monday forenoon the water in connection with the heating plant boiled, causing an overflow of the tank in the second story. But with the help of the superintendent, a member of the school-board and the janitor who soon appeared upon the scene, matters were soon restored to the usual running order.

Miss Anna Hiss of Great Bend who has been visiting her brother Louis Hiss of this city leaves for her home this Saturday morning.

Henry Samuelson and son S. A. were down from Ellis Monday. Mr. Samuelson has built up a lucrative produce business in Ellis and his son is proprietor of the leading livery barn. Mr. Samuelson says the single auto which they have in their barn is not able to handle business fast enough to suit their trade and they will shortly install two more machines for commercial use.

Rugs Sacrificed

¶ All our rugs must be sold out by January 1st regardless of cost. We have an unusual variety of rugs—all grades and sizes from the smallest 18x30 in. to 3x6 feet.

At Sacrifice Prices

We are not considering price at all in this sale. They simply MUST GO.

Call and see the display at our Big Furniture Store.

HAVEMANN'S

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

WE now have on hand a nice new line of all kind of photograph supplies, something entirely new and up-to-date. Call and see them at once. Among our numerous new styles we have a dainty little folder, panel oval form, particularly suitable for bust and three quarter length.

The mount is best white rag stock, silk bond tissue, and the covers are in the cornwall gray. The most beautiful little folder on the market. While these last

SIX FOR \$1.50

Six pictures only will be sold to one customer.

Free Calendar Picture

To anyone purchasing one dozen photos costing not less than \$3.50 we will give absolutely free, as a special inducement, a beautiful Christmas calendar for 1908 with cabinet photo of purchaser.

These pictures make a very appropriate Christmas gift for friend or relative. Call and see us at our Gallery on Juniata St. whether you wish to purchase or not. Samples cheerfully shown on request.

Mrs. J. D. Wheatcroft

(WOOD'S GALLERY)

Xmas less than two weeks away

¶ Now is the time to do your Xmas buying. Our 1907 stock of Christmas Goods is strictly High Grade, Best Quality and sells at a Fair Price.

¶ This is but a partial list of the goods we can show you. Every line is stocked complete:—

Toilet Cases
Brushes
Books
Cigars
Pipes
Fountain Pens
Stationery
Candy in Fancy Boxes
Kodaks
Leather Goods
Xmas Cards
Gift Books

Anything you select will be put away and kept for you.

C. A. HARKNESS